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(U) Antioch – Former Employee Returns to Workplace with Homemade Explosive

(U) A “disgruntled” ex-employee who was recently fired from his workplace in Antioch returned to the business with a homemade bomb, Antioch police said. On Monday, the Antioch Police Department responded to a report of an ex-employee, Timothy Harrington, 50, dropping off a suspected “explosive device.” Employees were taken to a safe location, and police said they detained Harrington after he drove away from the scene. The Walnut Creek Police Department Bomb Squad inspected and neutralized the device, and police got a search warrant for the suspect’s house in Pittsburg.

SOURCE: 21 July 2020, [San Francisco Chronicle](#)

(U) Elk Grove – 2000 Catalytic Converters, \$300k in Cash Found After Raid

(U) A massive cache of stolen catalytic converters was uncovered in Elk Grove recently, authorities say. The Sacramento County Sheriff’s Office announced the bust yesterday, saying that deputies had executed a search warrant in connection to theft and sales of catalytic converters in Elk Grove and uncovered the cache. About 2,000 catalytic converters were recovered and \$300,000 in cash was seized.

SOURCE: 21 July 2020, [CBS Sacramento](#)

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(U) District of Columbia – Senate Report Accuses China of “Digital Authoritarianism”

(U) Washington – China is using its technological rise to develop “digital authoritarianism” to conduct surveillance and censor information not just within its borders, but around the world, a US Senate report said yesterday. The report, led by Senator Bob Menendez, says China uses technologies such as artificial intelligence and biometrics to keep track of its citizens and control information. The report discusses new laws strengthening Beijing’s control over information, and big government investments in companies developing technologies that support these efforts. Washington has also been pushing allies to exclude products from China’s Huawei Technologies from 5G networks, viewing the company as a security threat, and is paving the way for sanctions on it and other Chinese companies.

SOURCE: 21 July 2020, [Reuters](#)

(U) Illinois – 15 People Injured After Shooting Outside of Funeral Home

(U) Chicago – Fifteen people were injured, one person was being questioned, and multiple suspects were being sought after gunfire erupted outside a funeral home on Chicago’s South Side, police said. First Deputy Superintendent Eric Carter said mourners outside a funeral home were fired upon yesterday from a passing vehicle. Carter said several targets of the shooting returned fire. The vehicle later crashed and the occupants fled in several directions. The shooting comes as the Department of Homeland Security is planning to deploy dozens of federal agents to Chicago to deal with an uptick in violent crime in the city.

SOURCE: 21 July 2020, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Massachusetts – Four Men with Cartel Connections Charged with Drug Trafficking

(U) Boston – Four men from Massachusetts and Colombia who are allegedly connected to a drug cartel

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were indicted on drug trafficking charges yesterday, officials said. Miguel Colindres, 59, and Juan Pablo Ariasgil, 39, both of Lowell, MA, were indicted on charges of conspiracy to distribute and possession with intent to distribute five-kilograms or more of cocaine, the US Attorney's office announced. Fabio de Jesus Yepes Sanchez, 54, and Mario Zapata Velez, 39, both of Medellín, Colombia and suspected members of La Oficina de Envigado, face numerous charges to include extortion, conspiracy to distribute and possession with intent to distribute five-kilograms or more of cocaine.

SOURCE: 21 July 2020, [Boston Globe](#)

(U) Oklahoma – Two Face Terrorism Charges Following May Protest Riot

(U) Oklahoma City – Two more protesters have been charged with terrorism following protests that erupted in downtown Oklahoma City in May. Haley Lin Crawford and Sydney Lynch are both accused of helping break the windows of a business before the building was set on fire. They now join three others who have been charged with terrorism.

SOURCE: 20 July 2020, [Oklahoma News 4](#)

(U) Oregon – 38 Police Officers Doxxed During Protests

(U) Portland – During a briefing yesterday, a Department of Homeland Security official said that 38 law enforcement officers in Portland, Oregon, were doxxed amid ongoing protests in the area. Doxing typically refers to the release of personal information like addresses and phone numbers online. The extent of what information was published relating to Portland police was not immediately clear. Richard Cline, the Deputy Director of Operations for the Federal Protective Service, said the doxxing occurred despite attempts by the Portland police to hide the names of police officers overseeing the 55 consecutive days and nights of racial justice protests around the city.

SOURCE: 21 July 2020, [Newsweek](#)

(U) Texas – US Orders China to Close Consulate in Houston

(U) Houston – The US said Wednesday that it has ordered China to close its consulate in Houston "to protect American intellectual property" and the private information of Americans. China strongly condemned the move, the latest in a series of steps by the Trump administration as it ratchets up pressure on the world's second-largest economy over trade, technology, human rights and security. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo told reporters during a joint press conference with Danish Foreign Minister Jeppe Kofod that the US is "setting out clear expectations for how the Chinese Communist Party is going to behave."

SOURCE: 22 July 2020, [CBS News](#)

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(U) Germany – Tajik Man Charged with Support to ISIS

(U) Berlin – Authorities have charged a Tajik man with membership in a terrorist organization on allegations he led a group plotting attacks in Germany in coordination with ISIS leaders in Syria and Afghanistan, prosecutors said yesterday. The 30-year-old, who has been in custody since March 2019, is accused of forming an ISIS cell in Germany with other Tajik nationals no later than January 2019 to carry out attacks and raise money for the extremist organization.

SOURCE: 21 July 2020, [The Washington Post](#)

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